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SUB: INDO/PAK TALKS CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY

1. THE 16-MAN INDIAN DELEGATION DEPARTED PAKISTAN
EVENING MAY 15 AFTER NEGOTIATING WITH GOP WIDE-RANGING
AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE SEEN IN ISLAMABAD AS IMPORTANT
STEPS IN NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. ALL PAPERS MAY 15 HEADLINE INDO/PAK
AGREEMENTS, STRESSING RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES,
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AND CARRY FULL TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT AND INCLUDE

EXCERPTS FROM A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY MEHTA
AND SHAHI MAY 14.

2. PAK PRESS NOTES THE NEGOTIATORS DISPOSED OF MOST OF
THE ISSUES COVERED IN SIMLA ACCORD LEAVING ONLY QUESTION
OF KASHMIR TO BE RESOLVED. ALTHOUGH KASHMIR WAS NOT
MENTIONED IN JOINT STATEMENT, DURING PRESS CONFERENCE
SHAHI SAID THE KASHMIR ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED. MEHTA NOTED,
HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS KASHMIR BUT HE
WOULD PASS GOP VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM JOINT STATEMENT, WHICH
IS BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

4. CIVIL AVIATION- BOTH SIDES AGREED TO SEND JOINT
LETTER TO ICAO WITHDRAWING THEIR CASES AND COUNTER-CLAIMS.
THEY ALSO AGREED TO RESUME OVERFLIGHTS AND RESTORATION
OF AIR LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
EXPERTS WILL MEET TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

6. RAIL TRAFFIC- BOTH SIDES AGREED TO RESUME GOODS
AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC BY RAIL THROUGH WAGAH/ATTARI BORDER.
THEY ALSO AGREED THAT EXPERTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD
MEET TO WORK OUT DETAILED AGREEMENT REGARDING FREIGHT
RATES, CUSTOMS FORMALITIES, ETC. (PAK RAIL LINE TO
WAGAH HAS ALREADY BEEN REBUILT. PAK TIMES ARTICLE
QUOTES "POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN ISLAMABAD" AS SAYING
INDIAN RAIL LINK TO ATTARI SHOULD BE COMPLETED "WITHIN
SIX WEEK").

7. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS- "THE TWO DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED
QUESTION OF EARLY RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS" AND AGREED EACH COUNTRY SHOULD BE REPRESENTED
BY AN AMBASSADOR WITH SUPPORTING STAFF. BOTH SIDES ALSO
REAFFIRMED THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. (DURING JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE,
BOTH SHAHI AND MEHTA CONFIRMED THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT
EXPLICITLY STATED IN JOINT STATEMENT, BOTH SIDES HAVE
INDEED AGREED TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS).

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8. TRADE- BOTH SIDES REVIEWED THE INDO/PAK TRADE
AGREEMENT AND SHIPPING PROTOCOL SIGNED EARLIER THIS YEAR
AND AGREED THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL BE ABLE, BEGINNING
JULY 15, TO PARTICIPATE IN TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES. STATEMENT ALSO NOTES THAT MEETINGS OF
COMMERCE SECRETARIES AND SHIPPING EXPERTS WILL BE HELD
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

9. VISAS- THE DELEGATIONS REVIEWED EXISTING VISA REGULATIONS AND AGREED THEY WERE WORKING SATISFACTORILY AND NO CHANGE WAS NEEDED.

10. EXCHANGES- THE DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED MEASURES TO PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND AGREED TO HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON WHAT MEASURES COULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

1. DETAINEES- BOTH SIDES DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF DETAINEES AND AGREED THIS "HUMANITARIAN ISSUES" NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

12. WE CONTACTED MFA THIS MORNING TO CONGRATULATE MINISTRY ON SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE TALKS AND TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A MAJOR ADVANCE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIMLA AGREEMENT. WE RECALLED THAT THE USG HAS FULLY SUPPORTED THESE EFFORTS, WHICH CONTRIBUTE SO SIGNIFICANTLY TO REGIONAL STABILITY. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED A FULL RUNDOWN MONDAY MORNING AND WILL BE SENDING IN OUR ASSESSMENT BY SEPTEL EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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